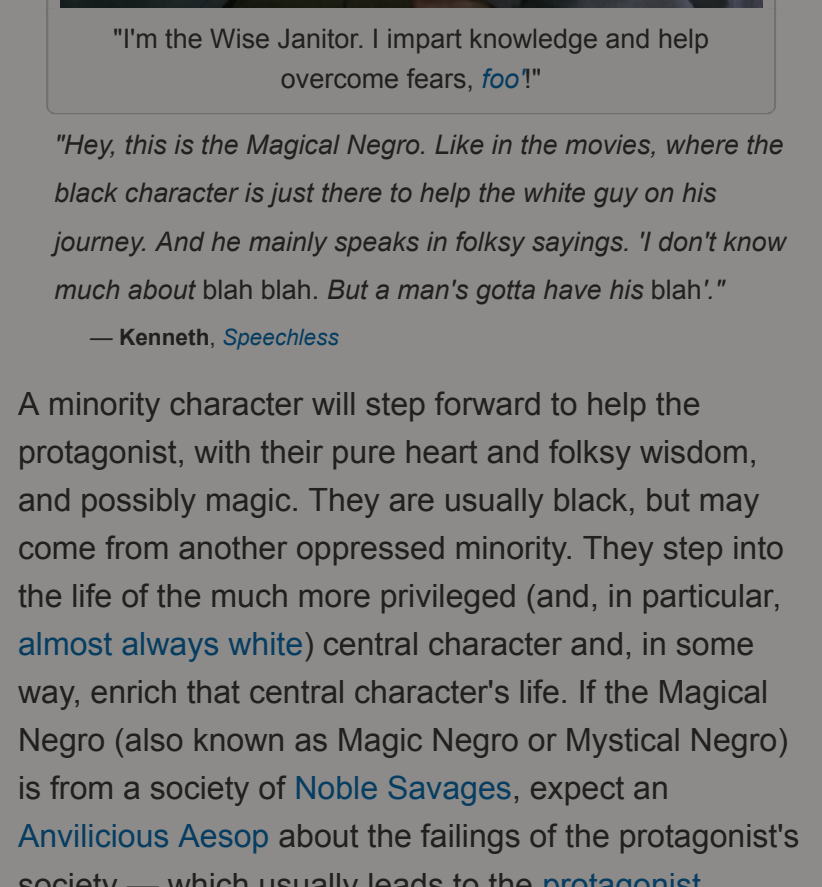


A screenshot of a YouTube video player. At the top, there are two buttons: 'VideoExamples' and 'Create Subpage'. Below these is a video player showing a close-up of a grey hoodie's hood. The video title 'How to make a hoodie' is partially visible at the bottom of the player.

A close-up shot of Mr. T wearing a dark grey hoodie with the hood pulled up over his head. He has his signature silver dreadlocks and a beard. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a stadium setting. The text "Mr. T" is overlaid in white at the bottom left of the image.

**MR. T
AS
THE WISE JANITOR**



society — which usually leads to the protagonist "Going Native".

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With such **deep spiritual wisdom** (and sometimes — though not always — actual **supernatural powers**), you might wonder why the Magical Negro doesn't step up

might wonder why the Magical Negro doesn't step up and save the day himself. In fact, the Magical Negro really seems to have no goal in life other than [helping white people](#) achieve their fullest potential; he may even be [ditched or killed outright once he's served that purpose](#). If he does express any selfish desires, it will only be in the context of helping the white protagonists realize their own racism and thereby become better people.

Bonus points if this character practices [Hollywood Voodoo](#). If female, they will nearly always also be a [Sassy Black Woman](#).

See also [Whoopi Epiphany Speech](#), [Token Black](#)

Friend, and **Mammy**. For a similar trope about women, see **Manic Pixie Dream Girl** (as well as **Disposable Woman** and **The Bechdel Test**); the **Magical Girlfriend** may play a similar role for her love interest, but is not necessarily an example of this. For the gay version see

Magical Queer (who may also be black). The disabled version of this is **Inspirationally Disadvantaged**. When a non-minority character is portrayed this way, the character is usually a **Hyper-Competent Sidekick**. Similar in vein to the **Magical Native American**, though that trope tends to be more explicitly magical. Also similar to **Magical Asian**, when an Asian character, often with supernatural abilities, fulfills a mentor role to a white character. Another related trope is **White Man's Burden**, where the plot is about an ordinary white person who befriends an underprivileged minority character. Related to **Magical Romani**, which is about Romani characters having magical abilities (or otherwise associated with the supernatural). Also compare **Magical Jew**.

The term "Magical Negro" was popularized by **Spike Lee** during a lecture denouncing this trope.

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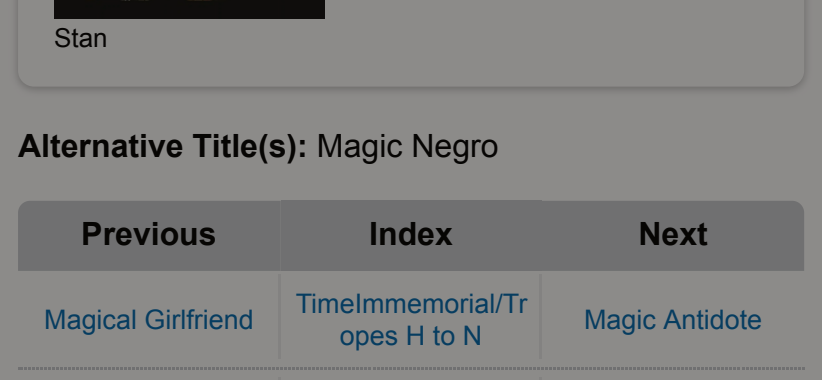
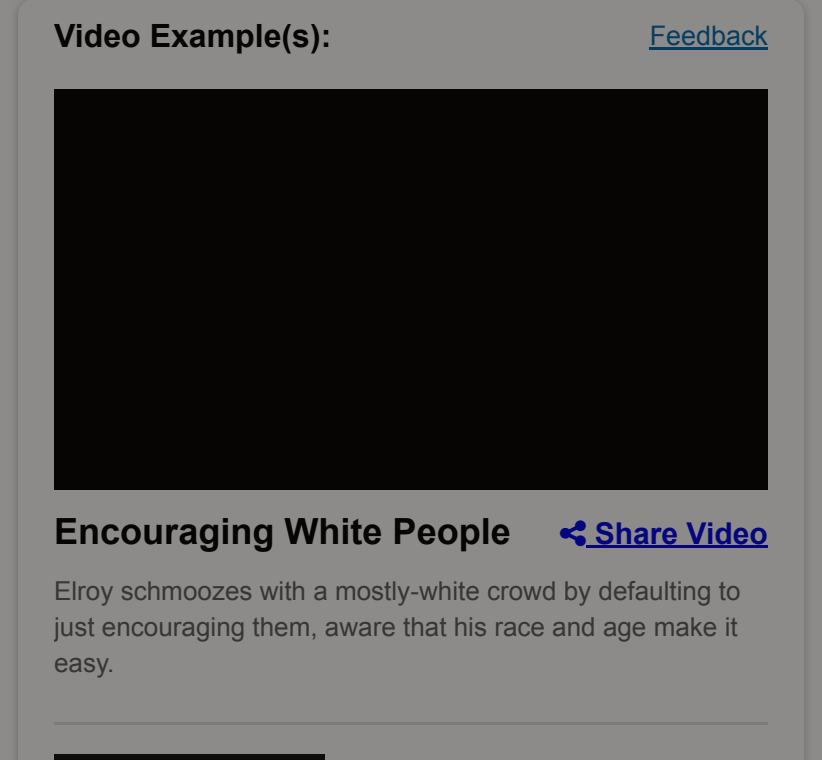
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